of 2.0 Metres depth in the Farakka-Patna stretch (460 Kms) also like in the Haldia-Farakka Stretch (560 Kms).

(ii) Collection of data in Patna-Allahabad stretch for planning development works in 9th Plan.

(iii) Setting up of night navigation facilities in Calcutta-Farakka (420 Kms.) stretch and terminal facilities at Calcutta in 8th Plan.

(iv) Development of 2.0 M deep navigation channel in Guwahati-Dibrugarh Stretch (508 Kms) in the 8th Plan.

(v) Setting up of night navigation facilities in Dhubri-Guwahati stretch and terminals at Tezpur and Dibrugarh in the 8th Plan.

(vi) Implementation of the scheme for one year in 1993-94 for providing vessel free of cost initially to prospective IWT entrepreneur with a view to promoting IWT operations in National Waterway (Ganga).

(vii) A proposal has been formulated for providing compensation at the rate of Re. 0.10 per tonne km. moved on river for inland water transport operators for non-availability of night navigation, perfect channel and mechanised handling facilities.

(viii) In connection with the development of the National Waterway-III viz. Kottapuram-Kollam stretch of West Coast Canal and Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals, it has been decided to appoint nodal agencies for land acquisition, environmental clearance and construction supervision.

Allocation of Funds for the Development of Highway in A. P.

3799. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the funds allotted for improvement of highways in Andhra Pradesh during 1993-94; and

(b) whether there is any effort to improve the National Highway between Khammam and Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) It is not possible to indicate the allocations for National Highways for all States including Andhra Pradesh till the Demands for Grants for 1993-94 are voted by Parliament.

(b) Road connecting Khammam and Rajahmundry is not a part of National Highway network and as such the Government of Andhra Pradesh are essentially concerned with its improvement.

Development of Jangla-Thali Ranohal Road in Shimla

3800. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) by when Government propose to start work on the Jangla-Thali-Ranohal road in Shimla which was surveyed by the Himachal Pradesh Public works department;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the construction work of this road has come to stand still for quite a long time and 20-25 villages with this road are facing a lot of difficulties; and

(c) if so, by when the construction work will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) Constitutionally, the Government of India are primarily concerned with the roads declared as National Highways only. For all roads other than National Highways, the respective State Governments are essentially concerned in the matter. Since the road in question is forming part of the State road network, the State Government of Himachal Pradesh are, therefore, basically responsible to take care of the requirements indicated in the question.